

MORE SMEAR STUFF

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An Open Letter to All Americans:

Several of our friends have asked us about a book called "A Measure of Freedom," written by one Arnold Forster, an employee of the Anti-Defamation League.

This book, cheap in appearance and poorly written, is merely the annual report of that Zionist organization. We noted in a printed letter which we addressed "To All Americans" on February 15th that Forster's former name was Fastenberg, and that he had worked since 1940 for the Defamation League.

The book purports to be an exposé of "hate-groups" in the United States. It discloses how the League spends its time and money. As a matter of fact, though we speak only for the National Economic Council, "A Measure of Freedom" is an attack on individuals that opposed American entrance into World War II, that have long opposed Communism, and that are fighting to maintain the American Republic. In brief, what purports to be an exposé of hate groups is a self-exposure of the hate the author and his kind have for essential American principles and traditions.

The contents of the book is a rehash of old and dull stuff which is without either significance or importance. By lifting excerpts from their context, it misinterprets statements we have made in the past and thus falsifies the record.

Back in 1943, the late Paul Shoup, then President of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Los Angeles, and formerly President of the Southern Pacific Railroad, gave a large luncheon for me at the California Club in Los Angeles. As I sat by him at luncheon he related to me that no less than fifty telephone calls had come to his office the past few days, warning him that I was a "Fascist" and an "Anti-Semite." The incident was closed when he, or his secretary, told them that if they had any information, the place to take it was the F.B.I. Mr. Shoup knew that "Fascist" and "Anti-Semite" are simply epithets applied by certain elements to persons who oppose Communism.

The book contains outright falsehoods and false inferences. It aims to intimidate contributors to the Council by publicly listing certain names.

If there is to be an Anti-Defamation League for Zionist-Americans, why not one for the English-Americans, the Italian-Americans, the German-Americans, and so on? The answer is, first, that no other group in America takes itself so seriously—none other demands rights (including the "right" to "smear" with impunity) that others do not exercise; and, second, since so many of these Zionists have been in the forefront of move-

ments to undermine the principles of the American Republic, to the advantage of Communism, it is a fair inference that all this shouting about "Anti-Semitism" is merely a smoke-screen to cover what the authors of this Zionist hatred are doing to America.

We have always made the distinction between Zionists and the great mass of Jews, many of whom (like the American Council for Judaism) have been attacked even more bitterly than ourselves by the Zionists.

We are Christians and we hate nobody. But we detest the sly, insinuating, intimidating cowardice that this book and other Zionist writings exhibit and which, we regret to say, is so often practiced the length and breadth of the land, but especially in certain cities on the Eastern seaboard. We note with interest that no daily publication has given wider publicity to Forster's book than the Communist *Daily Worker*. Still Zionists say they should not be bracketed with Communists.

We think, as many distinguished non-Zionist Jews think, that the Zionists are digging their own grave. The pity is that their selfishness may lead to the destruction of our Republic.

For twenty years we have fought as hard as we know how for the preservation of the Republic. That means the preservation of private competitive enterprise, private property and individual initiative. It means the preservation of American independence.

This country can be saved for the great mass of the American people, most of them men and women of small or moderate means, but who want their children to have the same opportunities they have enjoyed.

We will not stop or turn back. We never have. We will continue the fight—undeterred by the yappings of alien-minded persons who seek the complete control of all America for themselves and care not what means they use to attain their end. We will not be diverted by their falsehood and innuendo. We will tell the truth as we see the truth. And we will be heard.

With the aid of Almighty God and the support of loyal Americans, we will help save American liberty for Christian and Jew alike.

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